

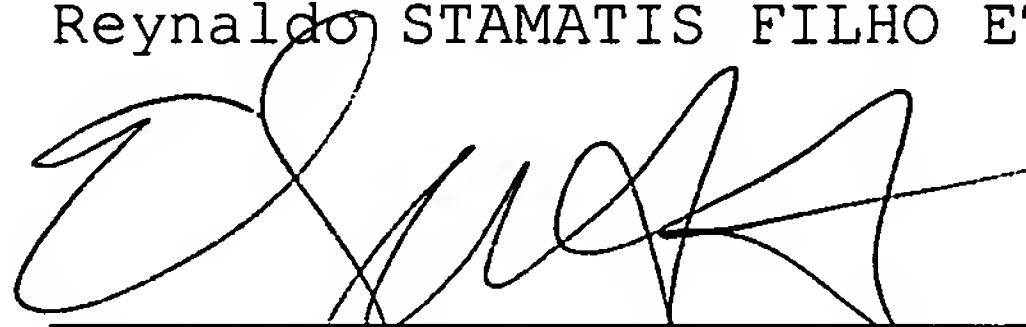
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this patent application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments, and the following remarks. Claims 12, 13, 18 and 21 are in the application. Claims 18 and 21 have been amended. Claims 14-17, 19-20 and 22 have been canceled. No new matter has been added.

The Examiner rejected claims 14-17, 19, 20 and 22 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Yang U.S. Patent No. 5,702,029* in view of *Graffenberger U.S. Patent No. 1,666,008*. These claims have been canceled. The Examiner stated that claims 12-13 are allowed, and that claims 18 and 21 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants have amended claims 18 and 21 to include the elements of independent claim 14, now canceled.

Applicants submit that the claims are patentable over the cited references, taken either singly or in combination. Early allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

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